CODE PINK

PURPOSE

- To discuss infant abduction
- To describe the “typical abductor”
- To discuss Safeguard Measures
- To discuss the Code Pink procedures

Infant Abduction

- Nationwide incidence 0-12 per year
- Devastating event to **all**

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- Parental education
- Personnel training
- Facility preventive measures

PARENT EDUCATION

- BEST SAFETY MEASURE
- Parents are instructed to do the following:
  - Never release your infant to anyone who is not wearing a hospital badge with a red stripe.
  - Never leave your infant alone for any reason. Always leave the infant with a staff member or one parent.
  - DO NOT leave your infant with a visitor or roommate.

PATIENT EDUCATION cont.

- Never take infants from the WICU/MCU/MICU unless accompanied by a staff member.
- Only transport infants via bassinet NOT in your arms.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Personnel Training

- Footprints of all newborns.
- Matching ID bracelets for mother, father, and infant at birth
- ID bracelet numbers are matched at each patient assessment, upon receiving/returning the infant to/from the mother, and upon discharge.
- NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Personnel Training

Be on the look out for the following:

- Theft of personnel identification or uniforms (report to Security-S2).
- Anyone with unusual interest in infant/child or abduction procedures
- A disturbance may occur prior to an abduction attempt

PREVENTIVE MEASURES
FACILITY SECURITY MEASURES

- CCTV

- The MyChild Infant Security System

WHEN TO CALL A "CODE PINK"

- Anytime a child or infant is suspected to be missing, even a visitor's child!
- Anyone can call a CODE PINK!
- Responding quickly is essential

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Every staff member assigned or attached to 121 General Hospital is responsible for knowing and responding to CODE PINK procedures.

“CODE PINK” PROCEDURES

- Call 116
- Tell them to announce CODE PINK

Code Pink Procedures Hospital Personnel

- Hospital personnel responsibility is to secure assigned exit
- All hospital personnel will respond immediately when CODE PINK is announced!

Hospital Personnel cont.

- Individuals who are carrying bags, large articles or wearing large bulky clothing will be inspected by the Military Police (MP).
- NOTE: Do not attempt to physically restrain the abductor!
- Escort individuals to the MPs.

"CODE PINK" PROCEDURES cont.

Location of abduction

- Charge nurse/NCOIC/OIC will:
  - Have someone stay with mother at all times.
  - Secure the mother and infant records
  - Notify lab to place STAT hold on mother's and infant's blood
  - Protect the crime scene
  - Search area for infant (trash cans, closets, etc.)
  - Review security video with S2/MPs

Hospital Personnel cont.

- All hospital personnel will remain on duty until the authorities (MPs) release them.
- When the infant and suspect are found, follow guidance from the MPs.
- PAD personnel will announce “CODE PINK, ALL CLEAR”.

REVIEW

- What is considered the best safety measure regarding infant abduction?
- What number is dial to announce a CODE PINK?
- What is the responsibility of the hospital staff once a CODE PINK is announce?